

Minutes from the January 13, 2011 Meeting of the Rochester Philatelic Association (RPA)

RPA President Tom Fortunato opened the meeting at approximately 7:30pm. 13 RPA members were present.

General Business

The second half of our stamp season is shaping up. The current lineup of events for February through June is as follows:

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Thursday, Feb 10..... RPA By-Laws Review

Thursday, Mar 10.....TBA

Thursday, Mar 24..... RPA Banquet- Keenan's Restaurant (off-site)

Thursday, Apr 14..... "How Rochester Celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 1934" by Donovan A. Shilling

Thursday, Apr 28..... TBA

Thursday, May 12..... Meeting at ROPEX- The Sports Centre at MCC

Thursday, May 26..... Live Auction (max. 5 lots per member)

Thursday, Jun 9..... Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, Jun 23..... Season End Strawberry Festival

We are looking to fill two meeting subjects on March 10 and April 28. If you would like give a presentation, contact president Tom Fortunato.

Note that we wish to have a live auction May 26. members may bring in a maximum of 5 lots each, with 10% of the proceeds going to the club treasury.

We currently have 83 members in good standing in the RPA, with 29 life and honorary members and 54 dues paying members.

We have discussed the possibility of getting an official audit of the RPA financial records. Annually these are reviewed by an independent committee of member volunteers, and we have no reason to believe there are any problems with our finances, but our thoughts were to have a professional review the records and advise us. So far, hiring a CPA to do this is cost prohibitive, with estimates in the \$800-\$1,200 range. We continue to seek someone to do this on a pro-bono or charitable basis.

Candidates sought! Annual elections will be held this coming May and June with all officers and one Board position up for grabs. An Elections Chair will be named shortly, but for now potential applicants may speak with Tom.

A discussion was held about the advantages and disadvantages of promoting ROPEX through our postcard mailing and paid print advertising.

The presentation portion of the night was a brief one. Four members brought in items that all attendees helped to identify.

Since that meeting...

The RPA banquet will be on Thursday evening, March 24 at Keenan's Restaurant, 1010 East Ridge Road. The buffet dinner will feature chicken parmesan, carved roast beef and tri-colored tortellini Alfredo, salad, vegetables, dessert and coffee. The cost of the meal is \$23 per person, tip included. However the club will reduce the total for any member attending to \$13. We are limited to 36 attendees on a first-come basis. RSVP by March 15. Send your reservations including your phone number and check payable to "Rochester Philatelic Association" to Ray Stone, 228 Giles Avenue, Rochester, NY 14609-1253. Questions? Call him at 266-2524.